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1. I INFORMED LUNS PRIVATELY THIS MORNING (JULY 16) AT 10:00
A.M. LOCAL OF U.S. APPROACHES IN ATHEND ANKARA REITERATING
U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND EXISTING CON-
SITUATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ON CYPRUS. I ALSO TOLD LUNS THAT I HAD BEEN
INSTRUCUTED TO KEEP HIM CURRENTLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS, AND
WE ARRANGED CHANNELS FOR TWO CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION I WOULD
SHARE WITH HIM: A) FACTUAL INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENTS THAT
HE MIGHT USE TO SUPPLY OTHER ALLIES WITH CURRENT DATA AT HIS
DISCRETION WITHOUT SOURCING TO THE U.S., AND B) INFORMATION
THAT I WOULD PASS TO HIM FROM TIME TO TIME THAT WAS ONLY FOR
HIS PERSONAL INFORMATION IN HIS CAPACITY OF HAVING A WATCHING
BRIEF ON CYPRUS. I ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO TELL THE SYG THAT
WASHINGTON CONSIDERED HIS MOVE YESTERDAY (JULY 15) IN APPROACHING
THE TURKISH AND GREEK ACTING PERMREPS TO BE MOST HELPFUL. AT
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THIS POINT LUNS DECIDED AND ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVENE THE
COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION
(A MEETING OF THE DPC WAS ABOUT TO COMMENCE AND LUNS' STAFF
NEEDED ONLY TO SUMMON THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR).

2. LUNS GAVE ME THE TEXTS OF THE PERSONAL MESSAGES HE SENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREEK AND TURKEY AS FOLLOW-UP TO HIS ORAL DEMARCHES THROUGH THEIR NATO DELEGATIONS. HE THEN REPORTED HE HAD HEARD OF COMMENTS BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA TO HIS BRITISH COLLEAGUE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCTION OF SOVIET TROOPS INTO CYPRUS. IN RESPONSE, I DREW IN PART ON THE SUBSTANCE OF REF A WITHOUT IDENTIFYING SOURCE, INDICATING FOR LUNS INFORMATION ONLY, THAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT SUCH SOVIET TROOP MOVES WERE OUT OF THE QUESTION AND THAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT STAND IDLY BY IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. I CAUTIONED LUNS THAT THIS VIEW WAS OF THE SORT OF INFORMATION THAT WAS FOR HIM ONLY AND NOT TO BE SHARED WITH ANYONE. MY MEETING WITH LUNS TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF STATE 153121, HOWEVER, SUBJECT WAS HANDLED IN MANNER CONSISTENT WITH SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS.

3. LUNS THEN RELATED SOME OF HIS VIEWS OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION SAYING THAT FIRST PRIORITY IS TO KEEP PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WHERE GREEKS ARE KILLING GREEKS FROM ESCALATING TO SITUATION WHERE GREEKS AND TURKS WOULD BE KILLING EACH OTHER. LUNS SPECULATED THAT IF AFFAIR SHOULD UNFORTUNATELY ESCALATE INTO OPEN HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IN HIS OPINION THE TURKS WOULD DEFEAT THE GREEKS, THE SYG ALSO SAID HE AGREED WITH A COMMENT MADE TO HIM BY TURKISH NATO CHARGE TULUMEN THAT THE PRESENT GREEK REGIME WOULD PROBABLY NOT SURVIVE A FAILURE OF ITS INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS. LUNS' INFERENCE WAS THAT THE GREEK MILITARY REGIME HAD RECKLESSLY GOTTEN ITSELF INTO A SITUATION WHERE IT WAS POLITICALLY DOOMED IF ITS CYPRUS ADVENTURE WAS A FLOP BUT WOULD BE MILITARILY DEFEATED BY TURKEY IF ITS CYPRUS ADVENTURE SUCCEEDED.

4. REPORT OF NAC MEETING ON CYPRUS FOLLOWS. RUMSFELD

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